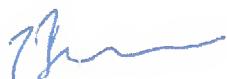


As noted in my previous letter, we have been endeavouring to facilitate a community forum which would allow NZTA, Council and affected community members to discuss this situation. That effort has not been successful, to date, and NZTA's reluctance to engage with community members and hear their concerns is being construed by some as arrogant and uncaring. I don't believe that to be the case and urge you to work with Council staff to organise a community engagement opportunity in the very near future. To pursue that, please contact our General Manager Strategy & Growth, Christine Jones (ph. 027 4667 234; email: christine.jones@tauranga.govt.nz).

I look forward to your early and positive response on these matters.

Yours sincerely



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